

Law Cited in Threat to Make Broadway Dry

Prohibition Director Reminds Gay Places Volstead Measure Provides for the Closing of Illegal Oases

Yellowley Back in Town

Declares This Year Will See Holidays Minus Anything Savoring Alcoholic Cheer

State Prohibition Director Ralph A. Day yesterday reiterated that he intended closing every show, hotel, restaurant, grill and cabaret on Broadway for one year if these places persisted in selling liquor. He said he was backed in this determination by the Administration in Washington.

"We are determined that these places on Broadway shall cease to sell liquors," said the director. "We know they are violating the law. We have the evidence. They are selling your brand and my friend the most poisonous kind of liquor for \$20 a pint. We are going to get every one of them and close them up. Somebody should write a series of articles showing the chemical analysis of these drinks they are selling. They should get the samples we have seized and know what they contain. There have been hundreds of cases of wood alcohol poisoning that we have never heard of. The bootleggers have poisoned and killed one young man in the navy, and that case is only one poisoning among hundreds."

The director then explained the "breath" in the Volstead law and said: "We will go after them on every provision we have, including the one which makes it possible for us to close the places tight for one year unless they stop the Volstead law."

E. C. Yellowley, United States General Prohibition Agent, who has just returned from the Canadian border, said he could predict the direst Christmas and New Year's that New York had ever known. He said that with John S. Parsons, chief enforcement agent, he had inspected and reorganized the upstate field force.

"I have talked with authorities of Albany, Utica, Syracuse and Buffalo," said Mr. Yellowley, "and have been assured of co-operation in handling the situation."

He said the general class of upstate agents was excellent.

Joseph Richmond, an internal revenue agent assigned to investigate incomes with the idea of detecting taxes and possibly detecting bootleggers, was arrested yesterday at his home, 414 Beach Street, Arverne. He is charged with soliciting bribes. Frank J. Seib and E. G. O'Brien, special revenue intelligence officers, made the arrest.

They charge that Richmond offered to reassess a Ludlow Street commission merchant if he would take out two \$5,000 insurance policies. Twenty-five such policies are charged to have been written by Richmond in his capacity of "president" of an insurance agency.

Assistant United States District Attorney A. J. Menin had Richmond held on a \$1,000 bond by United States Commissioner S. M. Hitchcock.

Thomas Anthony, also known as Quirk and O'Connor, alleged to have been arrested nine times for various offenses, was arrested yesterday on a charge of impersonating a prohibition agent.

Judson Westmoreland, a prohibition

agent, was in the Blue Bird restaurant, 2388 Seventh Avenue, he says, when Anthony entered and announced himself as an enforcement operative. Westmoreland asked to see Anthony's badge and credentials and there was a fight. It is charged the prisoner had a bogus commission and badge. He was held in \$7,500 bonds.

A ten-day spell of intoxication on a single glass of whisky was the defense of Patrolman John J. Moriarty when brought before Deputy Commissioner John A. Leach yesterday. Dr. Francis Murray, police surgeon, declared that Moriarty had reported sick on November 23, but had failed to notify a police surgeon; that two days later he had come to his office under the influence of liquor, and that two days after that he had again come to his office, this time in such condition he had to be assisted out.

Moriarty said that a few days before he had reported sick a friend had given him a glass of whisky. The Deputy Commissioner deferred sentence until he could confer with Commissioner Enright.

Bock Denies Agreeing to Lithographers' Pay Cut

Denial of a statement appearing in The New York Tribune of December 13 to the effect that the president of the Amalgamated Lithographers of America, in conference with the National Association of Employing Lithographers, had agreed to a proposed wage reduction of 12 1/2 per cent, which was later repudiated by members of the union, was contained yesterday in a letter from the president of the union, Philip Bock.

Mr. Bock declares that the conference was composed of nine men representing the union and nine representing the employers' association and that "the conferees of the union, and not the president individually, consented to submit this agreement to the union."

"The very wording of the proposed agreement will show that it will become effective only if ratified by the membership of the respective parties," he added.

He also denied the statement attributed to him that "the union's course would be determined by its members at a special meeting." He says: "The question is a national one and has a national scope. Any action that the union might take in regard to it must, therefore, be taken nationally, and could not be taken at a special meeting of the local."

Trade Board to Submit Federal Anti-Strike Law

At the annual efficiency rally of the New York Board of Trade, which was held in the board rooms, at 41 Park Row, yesterday, the committee on employment and labor was instructed to make a thorough study of the labor laws of Canada in order to make recommendations to Congressmen with a view to similar enactments. Business men, it was said, desire national legislation which will tend to lessen strikes and labor troubles.

E. C. Miller, president of the Magnolia Metals Company, said that the \$4,000,000,000 which is wasted annually in needless strikes and labor disputes could be saved.

"I believe in the Golden Rule as the basis of settling all disputes," he said, "and I believe the only way we can do away with the enormous cost of strikes is to keep our men satisfied and in our confidence. I go further in this regard than most, and am in favor of profit-sharing to a certain extent."

It was pointed out that the labor laws of Canada were minimizing strikes in the Dominion. There was discussion also on the working of the tribunal set up by Kansas for dealing with labor controversies in that state.

Hylan's Sincerity Is Questioned at Milk Strike Probe

Alderman Seeks Motive in Request to Men to Wait 24 Hours; Removal of Police From Wagons Asked

A question as to the sincerity of Mayor Hylan in connection with his pre-election activities relating to the milk workers' strike was raised yesterday at the close of the aldermanic hearings in investigation of the strike. The special committee will wind up its inquiry to-day by an executive session, at which a report for the Board of Aldermen will be prepared.

Mention of the Mayor's name was made when one of the aldermen asked James Barnes, a striker witness, whether the strikers "thought the Mayor was sincere in requesting the men to wait twenty-four hours before they struck."

"If he was sincere," Barnes countered, "why did he wait until the eleventh hour to make the request?"

"If he had tried to come in before," asked President La Guardia, "would you have told him to get out?"

"No, sir."

The closing session was devoted entirely to hearings from the strikers and their leaders. Barnes also discussed the refusal of the union to arbitrate prior to the strike, saying that the men felt they had been misled in a previous arbitration.

The Aldermen were urged to remove policemen from milk wagons by William Karlin, attorney for the union.

"What assurance would the community have that there then would be no violence?" he was asked.

"It is in the union's interest to have no violence," he replied. "If we got an opportunity to talk with the company employees we could win the strike in forty-eight hours. But the police won't let us go near them."

He suggested that the city commander the milk plants, saying that it could sell milk for 13 cents a bottle. Another witness, Fred J. Sterbinsky, related developments leading to the strike.

Health Commissioner Copeland announced yesterday that a number of the strikers have applied to him for a permit to go into the milk business on their own account. Action on the applications will be taken later, he said.

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Injunction Suit Fails To Worry Cloak Workers

Union's Attorney Says Contracts Bar Labor for Any Concern Involved in Strike

Morris Hillquit, attorney for the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, did not take seriously yesterday the possibility of an injunction suit by the American Cloak and Suit Manufacturers' Association. The proposal was made Tuesday evening at the meeting of the association, which is composed of small manufacturers and contractors, few of whom have been able to operate since the calling of the women's garment makers' strike on November 14.

Mr. Hillquit said that the contracts made by the union with the American Association provided that no work should be done for concerns against whom a strike had been called. The union, he said, was not a party to the contracts.

The American Association has no grounds, in the opinion of Mr. Hillquit, upon which to base an application for an injunction. The union had offered to order the garment makers back to work wherever it was assured that no garments would be made for the Protective Association, or any concern involved in the abandonment of the union agreement. So far this offer has not been officially accepted by the American Association, Mr. Hillquit said.

Benjamin Schlesinger, president of the union, is expected to go to Chicago to-day.

Meyer Inquiry Is Delayed Pending Report on Docka

The Meyer graft investigating committee, which was to have met yesterday after a week's recess, was unable to proceed because its chief expert, Francis Rippon, had not completed his investigation of the Brooklyn dock situation. Senator Schuyler M. Meyer, chairman of the committee, said that the committee might meet to-day, although he was doubtful that it would.

"If Mr. Rippon has not made a complete survey of the Brooklyn dock situation," said Senator Meyer, "we will not go on to-day, as there is no need of putting the evidence in piecemeal. He was to have been ready this morning, but he found the job larger than he expected."

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Railroads Request Six Months' Stay In Grain Rate Cut

Propose That I. C. C. Permit Voluntarily Reduction of 10 P. C. on Farm Products Outside New England

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Request for a six months' suspension in the reductions recently ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission on grain, grain products and hay in the trans-Mississippi territory was made by the railroads of the country and opposed by fifteen Western state railroad commissions, agricultural organizations and shippers in hearings to-day before the Federal commission.

Alfred P. Thom, general counsel for the Association of Railway Executives, in proposing the suspension, asked the commission to allow the carriers in the mean time to make effective a cut of 10 per cent in rates on all products of farm, range and orchard in all movements in the United States outside of New England.

Voluntary Offer Called Snare

Clyde M. Reed, chairman of the Kansas Utilities Commission, asserted that, "so far as the Western farmer is concerned, the 10 per cent 'voluntary' offer of the carriers is a delusion and a snare," and that the "maneuvers of the carriers since October have principally been for the purpose of delay."

Clifford Thorne, appearing in behalf of Western agricultural associations, said that prices of all commodities except railroad transportation had dropped materially in the last year, while this had increased. J. M. Benton, attorney for the state commissions, asserted that the commission had found the grain reductions reasonable, and that accordingly it would not be legal to maintain higher rates.

Appeal on Economic Grounds

Mr. Thom pleaded for consideration of the suspension and substitution "on broad economic grounds, not on legal considerations," and asserted the roads

had been met "with denunciation and belittlement."

Railroad traffic officials declared they were ready to make the 10 per cent general reduction effective December 31. The commission's order, unless changed by the rehearing to-day, will require rates on bread grains and their products and hay to be reduced by 12 1/2 per cent, 17 1/4 per cent and 16 2/3 per cent of the charges in effect during government control, according to territory, and in addition require a 10 per cent lower rate to be fixed on corn and other coarse grains than is charged on wheat. Present charges on coarse grains equal the wheat rates.

Business Needs More Than Rail Cuts, Says Elliott

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Sweeping reductions in transportation charges at the present time would not assist a full resumption of business activity and would be injurious to the railroads, Howard Elliott, chairman of the board of the Northern Pacific and a director of the New Haven, declared in the opening statement made before the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day in its general investigation of railroad rates.

"Rates were too low before the war if the continuance of private ownership and operation of railroads under public control is the aim of our policy, and earnings were nearing the danger level," said Mr. Elliott. "They may be too high now, but they should not be compared with the pre-war standard. A sweeping reduction of rates at this time would not be, in my judgment, an assurance of resumption of business activities on a large scale. There are other problems and other factors to be considered as controlling our economic situation. The tariff, taxation and foreign trade all are troublesome problems which must be worked out and adjusted as well."

Gomez Rallies From Illness

Pedro Rafael Rincones, Consul General of Venezuela in this city, issued a general yesterday of what he termed the exaggerated reports regarding the health of General Juan Vicente Gomez, formerly President of Venezuela and a leading political figure of the country.

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Rincones received from the Venezuelan Legation in Washington yesterday official information that General Gomez, having been seriously ill, is recuperating at Puerto Cabello. This information was confirmed by passengers arriving here on the steamship Caracas from Venezuelan ports.

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By Robert Benchley

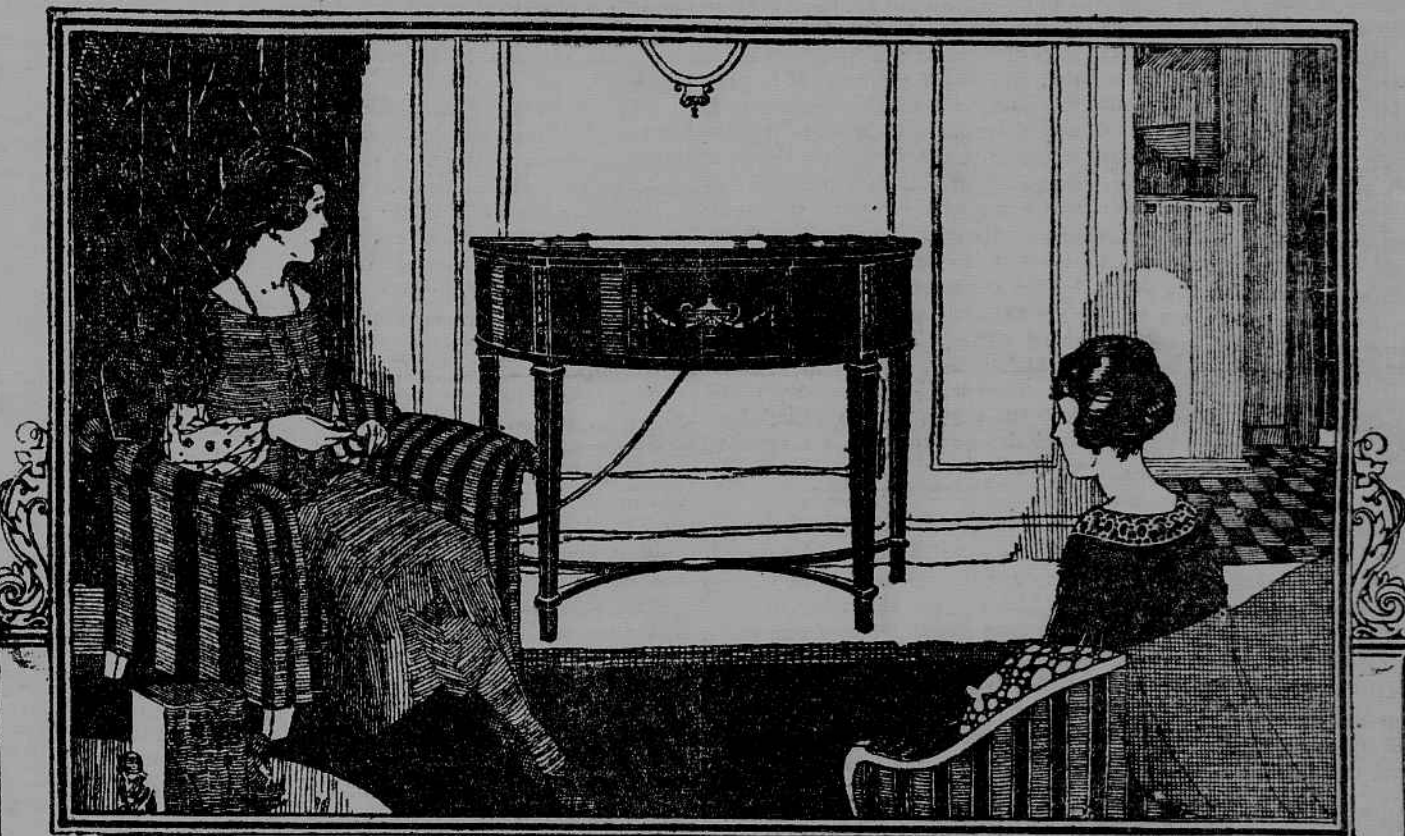
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